

**Introduced by Senator Vidak**

February 3, 2016

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An act relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 940, as introduced, Vidak. High-Speed Rail Authority: eminent domain: right of first refusal.

Existing law creates the High-Speed Rail Authority with specified powers, including the power to acquire rights-of-way through purchase or eminent domain, and duties relating to the development and implementation of an intercity high-speed rail system. Existing law, pursuant to the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century, authorizes \$9.95 billion in general obligation bonds for high-speed rail development and other related purposes.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a right of first refusal for landowners to reacquire land that was taken for high-speed rail through eminent domain, if the land is later determined to not be necessary for high-speed rail.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would establish a right of first refusal for a
- 3 landowner to reacquire land that was taken for high-speed rail

- 1 through eminent domain, if the land is later determined to not be
- 2 necessary for high-speed rail.